A New DECLARATION OF THE LORDS and COMMONS In PARLIAMENT, IN ANSWER TO His Majesties Letter,

Dated the 14 day of June;

And sent to the Lord Major, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of the City of *London*:

As also, concerning His Majesties Declaration published at *Heyworth-Moore*.

Together with the Vindication of the Parliament, from Scandalls which are cast upon them.

Junii 20. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and published.

Joh. Brown, Cler. Parliamentorum.

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A new Declaration
OF THE LORDS and COMMONS in Parliament.

WHereas in a Paper inſcribed, *To Our truſtie and welbeloved, the Lord Major, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of the City of London,* dated the 14 of June, 1642. It is affirmed, that great labour is uſed to perſwade His Majeſties Subjects to raiſe Horſe, and to furniſh Money, upon pretence of a Guard for the Parliament, but in truth to be imployed againſt His Majeſtie; The Lords and Commons do declare, That the deſign of thoſe Propoſitions is, as was formerly declared, to

maintain the Protestant Religion, the Kings Authority and Person in His Royall Dignity, the free course of Justice, the Laws of the Land, the Peace of the Kingdom, and Priviledges of Parliament, against any force which shall oppose them.

And they do further declare, That as the forces already attending His Majestie, and the preparation which His Majestie is now making, of Arms, Horse, and Ordinance from within His Kingdom, and without, at first coloured under the pretence of a Guard, do evidently appear to be intended for some great and extraordinary design; so they give just cause of Fear and Jealousie to the Parliament: And do fully justifie those Votes of the Kings Intention of levying War against the Parliament, to be altogether free from any Imputation of Scandall, as is injuriously cast upon them by that Paper.

For, so long as His Majestie shall continue those levies and preparations, (The Lords and Commons in Parliament having been so often threatned and reviled for their proceedings about *Hull*; and the *Militia*, so necessarily undertaken for the good and peace of the Kingdom) they cannot be secured by His Majesties solemn Protestation alone, expressed in this and other Declarations, That all His desires and purposes are for the publike Peace, and that he hath not the least thought of using force, except he be compelled to it for the Defence of His Person, and

and Protection of the Laws; ſeeing His Majeſtie, in a Declaration publiſhed at *Heyworth-Moore*, doth Interpret the Protection of the Laws in ſuch a manner, as giveth juſt and full occaſion to beleeve, That by protecting the Laws, His Majeſtie intendeth Force upon, or againſt thoſe who ſhall ſubmit to the Ordinance of the *Militia*; And becauſe it appears by divers expreſſions and proceedings of His Majeſtie, he hath diſcovered an Intention of making ſome Attempt upon *Hull*.

In both which caſes they do declare, That whatſoever violence ſhall be uſed, either againſt thoſe who exerciſe this *Militia*, or againſt *Hull*, they cannot but take it as done againſt the Parliament.

And whereas the Houſes have upon loane received great ſums of Money, for the ſervice of *Ireland*, from the Companies of the City of *London*, (for which they give them great and hearty thanks) They do declare, That theſe ſums ſhall be diſpended as the former have been, to that onely ſervice, notwithſtanding an Inſinuation laying an aſperſion upon them, as if they had done otherwiſe.

Further, whereas it is declared, to the great reproach of Parliament, That the ſums deſired towards the raiſing of Horſe and Arms, is contrived upon generall pretences by ſome few factious Perſons, we leave it to the world to judge,

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how it is poſſible the Houſes ſhould have all their Members, ſeeing divers of them are by His Majeſtie ſummoned to *York*, and there, contrary to the Laws of the Land, and the Priviledges of Parliament detained, nay protected from the Juſtice of both Houſes.

And ſecondly, how that can poſſibly be called a Faction which is done by both Houſes of Parliament, the greateſt Court of *England*, the moſt faithfull Councell His Majeſty hath. But at ſuch language as this they wonder not, conſidering by what wicked Councel His Majeſties Affaires are Guided, and by what Malignant ſpirits His Majeſties affections to the Parliament of late have been miſled.

Both Houſes well weighing the premiſes, Do forbid any Majors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, or other Officers whatſoever, to publiſh or ſpread that Paper, as they will anſwer their Contempt to the Parliament. And do aſſure themſelves, that neither His Majeſties Commands, nor His Threats, will with-draw or deter men, well affected to the Publike, from doing their Duty in Contributing ſuch Money, Horſe and Plate, as will be neceſſary for the preſerving the Being of the Parliament, the Peace of the Kingdome, and thoſe other Ends before mentioned; for which they are deſired. The dangerous and miſchievous Inrentions of ſome about His Majeſty, being ſuch, That whatſoever is moſt precious to

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men of Conſcience and Honour, as Religion, Liberty, and publique Safety, are like to be overwhelmed, and loſt in the generall Confuſion and Calamity of the Kingdom, which will not only queſtion, but over-throw the Charter of the City of *London*, expoſe the Citizens, their wives and children to violence and villany, and leave the Wealth of that famous City as a prey to thoſe deſperate and neceſſitous perſons.

The Lords and Commons as they hope by this meanes thoſe horrid miſchiefes may be prevented: So thoſe of the City (which contribute hereunto) (whereof none are ſo mean and Baſe as to deſerve the reproaches caſt on them by that Paper) and all His Majeſties good Subjects may be aſſured that in doing their duty herein, they ſhall be Protected and ſecured in their perſons, Liberties, and eſtates, by the Power and Authority of both Houſes of Parliament, according to their former Engagements which they will ever faithfully performe.

FINIS.